Washington, D.C. – Immediately after attending tonight's State of the Union Address, Congresswoman Melissa Bean (IL-08) released the following statement:

"I was encouraged to hear the President focus on issues that people in my district care about, including the high costs of health care and fuel, and addressing our global competitiveness. I had hoped to hear more about incentives to help small businesses, which are essential to economic and job growth. I strongly support the President's intention to limit wasteful spending, but the best way to do that is with pay as you go budget rules. As our country is over \$8 trillion in debt, it's appropriate as we review the state of our union that we get serious about the state of our finances."

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